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**First Preliminary Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please insert on Page 1 as the first sentence of the application the following:

- - This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No. 09/403,429, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued  
\_\_\_\_\_, which was the National Phase filing of  
International Patent Application No. PCT/JP99/04015, filed July  
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**In the Claims**

Please Cancel Claim 8, without prejudice to future continuing applications.

## REMARKS

The specification is amended above to insert a reference to related cases.

No change of inventorship is necessitated by these amendments.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, he is respectfully requested to call applicants' attorney at (847) 383-3372.

Respectfully submitted,



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